

REMARKS

In this national stage entry from PCT application PCT/EP2004/004499, filed 27 April 2004, the applicant has amended the enclosed literal translation of the PCT application provided herewith to bring its form into compliance with US practice rules. No new matter is added in the enclosed substitute specification.

The claim amendments made are directed at removing multiple dependencies and at clarifying the claims, from a European central-claiming style, written in German into an American peripheral-claiming style, written in American English. As such, the claim amendments are non-narrowing. New claims 13-20 distribute limitations from multiple dependent claims.

International Preliminary Report on Patentability

The Examiner's attention is directed to the International Preliminary Report on Patentability during the PCT prosecution, which shows claims 1-12 in their original form as meeting the criteria of patentability. Applicant respectfully urges that the Examiner review this Report as an initial part of the examination.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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